

16 May 2014

Principal's Report

NAPLAN

Congratulations to students in year 9 for their application to the tests during the week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they focused on successfully undertaking the tests. Results that come through later in the year will assist staff in developing specific teaching strategies for literacy and numeracy tested this week.

Cross Country and Badminton results

Congratulations to the students who have recently competed in the District Cross Country as a school team. Sunnybank was first on percentage. Congratulations to Zuberi Salim for his personal best performance.

Congratulations also to Grace Ngiam who continues to excel in the Badminton competitions.

Youth Parliament

Congratulations to Chen-telle Mahanga, Hubeldin Legese, Tristan Petera and Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi along with Ms Gemma Finney who recently attended and participated in Youth Parliament. All students represented their school well and Tristan was voted 'speaker of the day'. Thanks to Ms Finney for her work in accessing this amazing experience for our students. Further details regarding this event are later in the newsletter.



Welcome Korean Teachers

Welcome to the teachers from Daejeon, South Korea, who are with us during the next month. Three of our teachers, Ms Goldman, Mr Batista and Mr McVeigh, are kindly hosting the teachers in their classrooms.



Getting Ready for Secondary School

We have recently been involved in a peer review of our school's readiness for our year 7 and year 8 cohort of students in 2015. I am very pleased to report that we have received very positive feedback regarding our preparation, timeframes and progress to date. Preparation was considered regarding the six principles of junior secondary school including – the distinct identity of junior secondary, quality teaching, student wellbeing, parent and community involvement and leadership. Last weekend, Heads of Department met and focused on curriculum planning and have developed very strong and exciting programs of work. Thank you to all Heads of Department and other staff who are working on this very important change. If you have a young person who will be attending Sunnybank State High School in 2015 in the Junior Secondary years you can be well assured their curriculum is well matched to this important age group.



Homeless Connect

Thank you to all parents who made a contribution to the year 8 collection for Homeless Connect. The donations of goods for this worthwhile activity certainly demonstrate how students can “connect with others” and “make a difference in our world”.

Equipment

For students to be successful in their studies they require the correct equipment at school every day in order to undertake their studies. Please ensure your student packs their correct equipment to enable them to be successful in their studies.



Diane Hicks, Principal

Parent Information Morning

For parents of students in years 5, 6 and 7

Tuesday 20 May from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

In order to give the parents of Primary School students an opportunity to hear what Junior Secondary means for them and their children, Sunnybank SHS will hold a Parent Information morning on 20 May 2014. This morning is designed for the parents of current year 5, 6 and 7 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS.

The morning runs from 9.30 am to 10:30 am and will allow parents to meet our Junior Secondary Deputy Principal, David Becker, and our year 7 Transition Officer, Gemma Finney. There will be a short overview of our programme and the opportunity to ask questions as well as a tour of the school facilities including our designated year 7 area that is being developed, followed by tea and coffee.

Sunnybank State High School will hold two Open Days for Primary School students throughout the year, the next being on 29 July and our final day will be held on 10 September. These days are designed for the current year 5, 6 and 7 students who are interested in enrolling at Sunnybank SHS. The days will run from 8.45 am to 2.45 pm and will be filled with activities spanning a number of faculties and are designed to give the Primary School students an experience of High School in preparation for the year 6 and 7 student's transition in 2015. They will be an enjoyable and invaluable experience for the students, enabling them to feel more confident and prepared to make the transition to High School. Your child is encouraged to attend any of our Open Days and we look forward to meeting them in the near future. To secure your child's place at Sunnybank SHS please make contact with the school office on 3323 8111 for an enrolment interview.

Please contact our office ASAP on 3323 8111 or email lcull16@eq.edu.au if you wish to attend the Parent Information Morning.

Youth Parliament Visit

Four SOSE students recently participated in Youth Parliament at Queensland Parliament House. Representing the Government, students debated a specially drafted Bill covering

community issues, The Community Safety and Protection Bill 2014. The students then participated in that Bill's passage through all stages of the legislative process, including a proposed Amendment to the Bill and a Division. The day concluded with an Adjournment Debate where the Youth Parliamentarians spoke on a topic of their interest.



The Youth Parliamentarians were Hubeldin Legese (Youth Member for Barcoo), Tristan Petera (Youth Member for Belyando), Meleika Gesa-Fatafehi (Youth Member for Basalt) and Chen-telle Mahanga (Government Whip and Youth Member for Annan). All Youth Parliamentarians confidently engaged in rigorous discussions of their chosen areas and were a credit to Sunnybank SHS at this once in a life time experience. So impressive was Tristan Petera's speech she was selected as “Speaker of the Day – Adjournment Debate” and was presented with a gift voucher from the Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association. The Speaker of the House, The Honourable Fiona Simpson MP, made a point of complimenting all students on their performance, awareness and understanding of current youth issues.

As the term begins, I hope all students are refreshed after a well-deserved break, and have taken time to reflect on how they can improve, especially in the area of time management.

Ms Gemma Finney

Year 11 Graphics

The year 11 Graphics class is currently working on a graphic design unit. As part of this unit, they will be designing their own ‘tourist map’ for a given location. The current Coochiemudlo Island tourist map is looking a bit dated and in need of a re-vamp, so the given design brief is to re-design a tourist map for the island.



The class recently enjoyed a day trip to the island to help understand more about the island and to collect information. As part of the trip, students were required to take photos of the island that would be suitable for promotional material, and these photos will feature in their maps. Many thanks to Miss Kalamafoni for her photographic tutelage on the day. Keep a look out in the coming weeks for the finished maps to be displayed around the Industrial Technology building.

James Elcock, Graphics Teacher

Visual Art Excursion

On Tuesday 6 May, the year 10, 11 and 12 Visual Art and Visual Art Studies classes visited the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) to view several exhibitions. The Cai Qiang “Falling Back to Earth” exhibition, the Creative Generations Excellence Awards, the Ah Xian “Transparent Watercolours” exhibition, the Sam Fullbrook paintings and the Yirrkalla Drawings were some of the works that were viewed. Students were also impressed with the permanent collection in the QAG.



We started at GOMA, had lunch at Southbank and then went to the QAG. It was a lovely day and was an extremely worthwhile experience, particularly for some as this was their first time in a gallery. They also enjoyed the train ride there and back. Most students said that Cai Qiang’s exhibition, in particular the wolves’ exhibit was the best, but others were very impressed with the students’ works in the Creative Generations exhibition. Overall, it was a great day; some students were even asking about the next trip.

Mrs Chang, Visual Art Co-ordinator

Badminton Success

Congratulations to Grace Ngiam who competed in the 2014 Gosen City of Brisbane Badminton Open on 3 and 4 May. Grace won the Open Women’s Singles and Open Mixed Doubles, and was a Runner Up in the Open Women’s Doubles. Well done!



Tutoring

Sunnybank State High staff members regularly give up their time to support students outside of the classroom. Below is a summary of the regular tutoring available to students.

Subject	Time	Location	
Monday			
Maths	First Break	703	
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Tuesday			
Maths	First Break	703	
11/12 English for ESL Learners	First Break	316	With Ms Jurgensen
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Homework Club (T-Time) for Junior high students	3-4pm	Library	
Literacy for ESL students	3-4pm	109	Ms Gibson
Wednesday			
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Maths and Science	Second Break	Meet Science staffroom	With Ms Bartels
11/12 English for ESL Learners	3-4pm	102	Ms Charles
12 English – English extension	3-4pm	110	Ms Winterbotham
Thursday			
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending
Homework Club (T-Time) for Junior high students	3-4pm	Library	
11/12 Physics	After school	Physics Lab	Let Mr Hamilton know you are coming
Friday			
Maths	First Break	703	
Maths	Second Break	703	Let Ms Schloss know you are attending

Individual teachers also provide additional support for their students on a needs basis. Students should approach their teachers in times of need for extra assistance.

Year 12 Accounting Forum

In February, the year 12 accounting students, along with approximately 725 students from different schools, attended the accounting forum that was held at Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Gardens Point.



We attended three lectures throughout the day, which were The Accounting Profession, Decision Making Using Accounting and Accounting as a Career. At the end of each lecture a prize draw was held. This forum allowed us to experience what it feels like to be in university surroundings especially in lecture theatres. The presenters provided us with interesting information about their experiences in the areas of accounting and business. We were also given an insight into studying accounting and we heard what an accountant does and how they go about their duties on a daily basis. We all enjoyed this opportunity and are now more familiar with what to expect at university in the coming years.

Our special thanks go to the teachers, Mrs Moodley and Mrs Bambic, for organising for us to go. We also feel extremely privileged to have this opportunity to attend and be part of such a well organised forum and an enjoyable day.

Sheron Varghese and Labida Latif

Homeless Connect

On Friday 9 May, the student leaders from years 8 and 9 presented Lisa Lennon (Brisbane City Council) and Paula Battilana (Homeless Connect Event Organiser, Brisbane City Council) our donations from Sunnybank SHS's Homeless Connect drive for 2014.



In a very short time we collected more than ten boxes of toiletries, food, clothes, shoes, bedding, blankets and other items which were generously donated by our school community. Thank you to all staff, students and parents who contributed to this appeal, we were very proud to hand over such a huge amount to the Brisbane City Council.

Ms Rosy Kalamafoni, Year 8 Coordinator

ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony



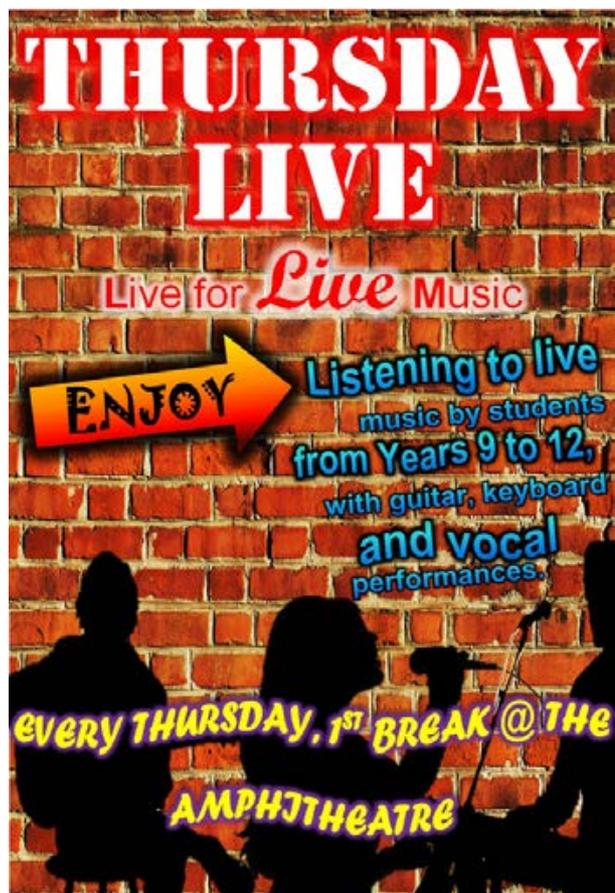
On Wednesday 23 April, students from Sunnybank High's year 9 History classes, four year 11 student leaders, two teachers, Mr Elcock and Mrs Gibson, and representatives from 140 schools throughout Brisbane attended the 2014 ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony in ANZAC Square. We were invited to attend because we have been studying Australia's involvement in World War I, with special focus on the ANZAC legend.

We travelled together by train to Central Station and made our way to ANZAC Square where everyone was seated quietly on the grass while the music from military bands played for entertainment. Everybody listened attentively as the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley, addressed the ceremony. Annabel Locke of Sacred Heart School, Sandgate, bravely spoke about the involvement of her four great granddads during the Second World War.

As we travelled back to school we thought about the ceremony we had just participated in and realised that Australians and New Zealanders still respect and remember the brave heroes who fought for their mother country and sacrificed their lives for the future of others. We also learnt about Australia's participation in more recent conflicts. The event was a good opportunity for us to represent our school and to share this worthwhile experience.

Mrs Gibson, Year 9 History Teacher

Thursday Live



School Uniform Donations

Please consider donating to the school office, your student's recently outgrown uniform. Having a supply of second hand uniforms available for emergency situations, helps out students who, from time to time, may require some item of the uniform for a short term or daily loan. Items of uniform that are in our "clothing pool" are carefully washed and maintained by our student services staff who discretely lend items for a day or longer if needed. These items are then returned, washed and stored in readiness for the next student who might need to borrow for a short time.

QCS Test 2014

Opportunity for a Paid Position

The QCS Test is scheduled for Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September 2014. Preparation lessons and activities are well underway and will continue until the test.

All OP eligible students in year 12 are required to sit the QCS Test and participate in preparation for it if they wish to be awarded an OP. Non OP students may choose to sit the test or not. Those who have opted to sit the test are currently participating in QCS Test preparation.

To maintain accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) appoints members of the community to carry out duties on their behalf. Consequently, members of the Sunnybank SHS community are invited to apply for the positions of chief community representative (two positions available). These are paid positions.

If you are interested in nominating for these positions, please contact Tania Williams, Deputy Principal and Chief Supervisor for the test, by email at twill455@eq.edu.au or by phone on 3323 8111 for application forms. All paperwork must be completed by Friday 16 May.

Further detail of the role and duties of community representatives including application forms is on the QSA website <https://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/> (follow the links to Senior Secondary ► Secondary QCS Test ► Administration).

Tania Williams,
Deputy Principal

Health News – Influenza Season

Influenza (more commonly known as 'the flu') is different to the common cold. Influenza is a highly contagious disease, caused by a virus that can be spread through people talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. **Immunising each year against the latest strains of influenza can help you stay clear of it and reduce your infection of others.** If you have not yet had your flu vaccine, many chemists are currently advertising 'walk in' flu vaccinations. GPs and council immunisation clinics also offer the vaccine.

As we move into the influenza season it is important to be aware that many common respiratory infections are spread from person to person via coughing and sneezing. The best way to protect yourself and others from influenza type infections is to be proactive and adopt good hygiene practices for infection control e.g. using tissues for coughs and sneezes and avoid putting hands close to the eyes or mouth as this provides direct entry of viruses and bacteria to the body. Washing hands with soap and water especially before preparing and eating food and, of course, washing hands after visiting the toilet is important in the prevention of the spread of flu and other infections.

It is important that we dress appropriately depending on the weather. Staying warm is important in cooler weather and students will of course adhere to school uniform policy. Good grooming is important, however, it is not a good idea to come to school with wet hair so use a hair dryer or perhaps wash hair in the evening.

Prevention is better than cure – a healthy immune system can protect us from illness.

Good nutrition is essential – eat a wide variety of foods from the food groups. Breakfast is a must followed by regular food intake during the day. Take adequate fluids daily. Rest is very important – sleep a minimum of eight hours per night.



Good health,

Maggie Kerr, School Based Youth Health Nurse

Newsletter Advertising

Sunnybank State High School would love to show support to our parent community and the businesses they own by allowing them to advertise/sponsor our new eNewsletter. For more information, please contact Schoolzine - 1300 795 503.

Homestays Required

Are you looking for the opportunity to share your home, our unique Queensland lifestyle, our variety of food and customs?

Consider becoming a Homestay provider for **Sunnybank High School's International Student Program!**

We are looking for friendly and reliable providers who are able to offer a safe and caring family atmosphere, treat the student as a family member, speak English as their first language, encourage English conversation and be located within easy reach of the school.

You will need a spare private bedroom with wardrobe, student desk and lamp and to provide nutritious meals and snacks each day. Also, you will need a Commission for Children and Young People check (Blue Card) and will receive financial reimbursement (\$245 per week).

Please contact: **Catherine Pound 3323 8119**, International Student Coordinator, Cricos Provider Number: 00608A

Moon Lee Tae Kwon Do

Learn Tae Kwon Do at the Sunnybank High School hall, Gager Street, Sunnybank, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. There are classes for children and adults. The instructors are Master Moon Lee and Cassidy Kruger. For more information, phone 0432 184 995 or 1300 101 303.



Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
May 22	Immunisations Yr 10 Boys & Yr 8s
May 23	Yr 11 & 12 Biology Excursion
May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 7.00 pm Library Regional Cross Country
June 6	Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion
June 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Skateboard Workshops

Skate board Workshops

Learn new tricks & meet the pro's
at Hibiscus Skate Park

17th May
24th May
31st May
7th June
14th June
21st June

9:30am-11:30am Ages: 7+

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